

Supported Employment Leadership Network (SELN)
Meeting

Date: April 23, 2015
Location: 111 N Sanders Rm 207
Time: 10:00 – 11:50 pm.
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Attendees: Kelly McNurlin (DDP), Tina Crummett (Family Outreach), Randy Winstead (Family Outreach), Phyllis Astheimer (Family Outreach), Stacy Mader (DDP), Jennifer Finnegan (DDP), Shannon Merchen (DDP), Tim Plaska (DD), Karen Cech (recorder).

Phone Attendees: Pete Haley (RSS), Diana Tavary (PLUK), Lori Idland (DRM).

- **Legislative Updates:**

- a) Senate Bill 411 - MDC closure bill - anticipate to pass (PASSED)
- b) House Bill 2 - State Budget Bill
- c) State Plan Medicaid Autism Bill Expansion - funding has decreased.

Bills that may have an indirect effect:

- a) House Bill 318 - Require insurance coverage for children with Down syndrome.
- b) House Bill 468 - Revising laws on period of commitment or treatment of developmentally disabled.
- c) Senate Bill 223 - Military families that meet criteria and have individual on the waitlist will retain waitlist position if stationed out of state/country and return.
- d) House Bill 410 - Allows here say to be admitted to exploited matters with APS.

- **Update on Employment Surveys:**

- a) Survey will be any 2 consecutive weeks in the month of April 2015.
- b) Individual must be 16 years of age or older that may have had paid employment (if individual did not receive waiver day or work services through DDP we are not collecting employment data on them at this time).
- c) Individual worked 3 months or a full tax year was discussed for self-employment. Will be an option to report either.
- d) Survey due May 15th.
- e) 3 surveys have been returned.
- f) E-mail reminders will be sent out to send in surveys.
- g) Will report data when Rie and John visit.

- **Rie Kennedy-Lizotte and John Butterworth from the SELN National Project Team rescheduled for June 3rd to help coordinate meetings with state leaders:**

a) Rie Kennedy-Lizotte and John Butterworth visit has been rescheduled:

Date - **June 3, 2015**

Time - 9:00 - 1:00 pm (work through lunch)

Location - 2401 Colonial Dr., 2nd Floor Wilderness Rm.
Helena, MT

The June 3rd meeting will replace May's SELN meeting. All members should come on June 3rd if you can! There will be NO PHONE-IN option for this meeting.

b) Developing agenda - waiting for survey feedback.

c) Rie and John's family and stakeholder survey outcomes will be presented during this visit

— Survey focused on two target groups

1. Families

2. Case manager, agencies, and direct care staff (stakeholders).

— Survey information will be distributed April 27th and will close on May 13th.

— When SELN workgroup received e-mail of survey please pass information on to their constituents.

— Two weeks will be left between Rie and John visit for them to compile survey information for presentation on June 3rd.

After the meeting Rie and John will have the following schedule:

2:00 - 3:30 pm Meet with stakeholder state leaders – (VR, OPI, DOL, DDP)

3:30 pm Recap with DDP Leaders.

At this time DDP does not plan on pursuing our SELN membership renewal. The membership is \$35,000 a year. Renewals usually occur at the beginning of the fiscal year, but don't necessarily have to be done right then. The Montana SELN workgroup can still meet without being a national member. If we decide in the future to join again, we can do that. Kelly offered to forward any comments or concerns about the national SELN membership – both good or bad. She will compile them and forward it on. E-mail Kelly at KMcNurlin2@mt.gov to voice opinions on maintaining the SELN national membership.

It was recommended by SELN workgroup to:

1. See outcomes from surveys.
2. See what Rie and John's recommend for priorities and focus.
3. Acquire input from MT SELN workgroup on what to work on and decide where to proceed.

DDP will continue to discuss options.

- **Notice on Proposed Rule Making (NPRM) for the new WIOA rules (Workforce Investment Opportunity Act) -**

Kelly handed out a document from the WIOA website explaining WIOA rules (Workforce Investment Opportunity Act) and WIA and Rehabilitation Act Reauthorization. Last August, Barb Varnum presented information about WIOA to the SELN workgroup. The document distributed highlights changes to VR that WIOA requires. Fifteen percent of VR's funding is to be utilized for transition. VR is required to provide pre-employment and to work with schools and local workforces to initiate program.

Kelly asked the group if SELN workgroup should be working with VR or ask what assistance the SELN workgroup can help with. Document will be attached with the minutes.

Phyllis Astheimer reported that Family Outreach is working with the Belgrade school district, MILP, and VR to work on transitioning students from high school and into the workforce. Phyllis will give the SELN workgroup an update at the next meeting.

- **Small Workgroups -**

Novelene requested that SELN work on draft definitions for Job Discovery. VR's definitions may be a good foundation to work with.

New Members - Kelly is working with MACD's (Montana Association of Conservation Districts) to get volunteers to participate on the SELN workgroup. She continues to look for other contractors, too.

- **Next meetings:**

- June 3, 2015 - Rie Kennedy-Lizotte and John Butterworth visit.

- July 23, 2015 – Room 207

- 1) Ask VR to give update on WIOA
- 2) Update from Phyllis on Belgrade transition project
- 3) Talk about SELN schedule:
 - a) Dates - once a month, quarterly
 - b) Times - 4 hours, all day,
- 4) Projects:
 - a) Share what other SELN members are working on or accomplished
 - b) Discuss HCBS transition plan and impact